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In the application of
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMSPlease cancel claims 1-47.Please add new claims 48-97.We claim:

48. A composition comprising an aqueous solution of at least 0.01 mg/ml of A β peptide
wherein said aqueous solution is maintained at a pH sufficient to solubilize said A β
peptide.

49. The composition of claim 48, wherein the solution is maintained at such a suitable
pH by use of an effective amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable buffer.

50. The composition of claim 48, wherein said A β peptide is a long form of A β peptide.